

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) Device for bending the rolls in a rolling stand comprising several rolls with the use of bending blocks, which are mounted at the run-in end and the runout end between the roll chocks and the housing windows and can be acted upon by control elements, wherein a piston-cylinder (7) is assigned to the bending blocks (5, 5a) of one of the mill housings (6), and a vertical positioning mechanism (10) is assigned to the bending blocks (5', 5a') of the opposite mill housing (6'), the vertical positioning mechanism (10) being configured as a spindle-type lifting gear unit.

2. (Previously presented) Device in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a roll change position can be vertically adjusted by the vertical positioning mechanism (10).

3. (Previously presented) Device in accordance with Claim

1, wherein the piston-cylinder (7) comprises a piston (8) mounted in one of the bending blocks (5) and a connecting rod (9) to the other bending block (5a).

4. (Currently amended) Device for bending the rolls in a rolling stand comprising several rolls with the use of bending blocks, which are mounted at the run-in end and the runout end between the roll chocks and the housing windows and can be acted upon by control elements, wherein a piston-cylinder (7) is assigned to the bending blocks (5, 5a) of one of the mill housings (6), and a vertical positioning mechanism (10) is assigned to the bending blocks (5', 5a') of the opposite mill housing (6') ~~in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the vertical positioning mechanism (10) is designed as a spindle-type lifting gear unit, as wedges with restricted guidance, as a cylinder with clamping head and position sensor, or as an eccentric shaft, or as another type of mechanism for vertical positioning.~~